Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether there is any first grade college in India which is a self-supporting institution?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Its not possible to have a college as a self-supporting institution.

Building Grants—Private Educational Institutions.

65. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government prepared to consider the question of allowing proper building grants to private educational institutions, considering the pitiable condition of the buildings of many private schools and the incapacity of private agencies, willing to open new schools, to put up proper buildings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Building grants are given according to necessity and when funds permit as laid down in Art. 91. C. E. C.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any instance of building grant having been given for the last three years?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some have been given for colleges.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—For secondary institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice; but I may say that for some primary schools grants have been given in the shape of timber.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is it a general rule that no grant is to be given or is it only an exceptional case?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The article of the Code, 'Special grants may, when funds permit, be given up to a third of the cost of the erection, purchase or enlargement of school buildings for hostels and boarding houses for girls and up to half the cost of furniture and educational apparatus under the following conditions'. It was not exceptional then. We were given ample funds. But it has become more and more rare.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government earmark every year some amount under this head?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. A special amount is alloted for it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government received any applications for building grant?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is one from St. Thomas College for the extension of the Laboratory. That is the only one.

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